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648 729 would cause no more trouble. This pension business is very important here as there are so many retired soldiers. This, however, is [665] far more important to the Christians than to the Mohammedans, and this is a factor in the greater PTB membership among Christians.

829 786 208 Many people knew that Holland was small and didn't like it very much, but they were afraid to say anything. Formerly they felt that the Queen was their radja, whereas nowadays they do not think so. The pictures of the Queen in every government office are not impressive now. And none of the houses has such pictures. The Dutch were always felt as distant and it was observed that they acted superior. This is especially resented. And I see the Dutch making clumsy efforts to be democratic and chummy. Australian [177] soldiers were here after the war, and the local people were much impressed by their mixing, playing with children, walking around the negri, and their generosity. The Dutch suffered by comparison. By and large the Dutch are certainly awkward.

829 665 Not much is known about world politics or other countries yet. People are too much concerned with Ambon and Indonesian politics for the present. There are two kinds of nationalists here: Ambonese and Indonesian. Free discussion is possible here, but there are no street meetings. They do have meetings in Ambon. There is much talk going on in the houses but there are no real meetings. What happens is that all big candidates are well known, for example, Pupella. And the parties, especially, PIM, have leaders in each negri. That is, there is a kepala in each negri. He tells the people about the politics 665 and policies and rounds up votes. Thus they have a party organization with a leader in each negri.

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665 PTB-ers who want a refuge when PTB folds up.

The Tulehu Radja says that if he doesn't keep jabbing them, the PTB will die. Thus this ties in with a statement I heard earlier to the effect that every day more soldiers change over.

Although there is no party organization here, seventy-five per cent of the people are PIM voters.

562 The women do not take part in elections of
666 kepala kewang, soa kewang, kepala soa, or saniri
624 members. (Note that all these are voice votes.)
423 Women take part in kepala dati voting only if
178 they are heads of families, that is, for example,
622 if they have no father or brother to act for the family in this important economic matter.

Women can and do vote, one hundred per cent in elections for the radja and for electors and for dewan members. These latter three choices are all made by ballot votes.

Note also that the kampong elections are adat matters and old. The men only are concerned here. The radja is an exception, as the balloting for him is a new angle. The balloting for electors and dewan members is indeed new. Thus, as in American occupations, women enter into brand new things, where there is no tradition to keep them out (the famous case of the typewriter and women taking it over). However, as yet there are no women active in politics here.

665 Note: And this is good: I said to the Ama-
208 husus lads that the Tulehu Radja had told me that PTB had thirty-five thousand members. They snorted and said, "That's a lot of propaganda." I hear this word everywhere. The Radja says PIM is a lot of propaganda. This idea of skepticism has swept the country. Both parties shout, "Propaganda!" at each other in true European or American style. "Propaganda" is now a Malay word!